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SENATE BILL

No. 1508

Introduced by Senator Bowen

February 23, 2006

An act to add Section 1367.645 to the Health and Safety Code, and to add Section 10123.831 to the Insurance Code, relating to health care coverage.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1508, as amended, Bowen. Health care coverage: colonoscopies.

Existing law, the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, provides for the licensure and regulation of health care service plans by the Department of Managed Health Care and makes a willful violation of the act a crime. Existing law also provides for the regulation of health insurers by the Department of Insurance. Under existing law, a health care service plan and a health insurer, ~~as specified,~~ are ~~deemed~~ *required* to provide coverage for certain medical examinations and tests, ~~including the screening and diagnosis of prostate cancer.~~

This bill would require a health care service plan and a health insurance policy, ~~as specified,~~ that provides coverage for

colonoscopies to cover ~~general medically necessary~~ anesthesia services, ~~subject to utilization review for the colonoscopy.~~

Because the bill would specify an additional requirement for a health care service plan, the willful violation of which would be a crime, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1367.645 is added to the Health and
2 Safety Code, to read:

3 1367.645. Every ~~individual or group~~ health care service plan
4 contract, except a specialized health care service plan contract,
5 that is issued, amended, renewed, or delivered on or after January
6 1, 2007, that provides coverage for colonoscopies shall provide
7 coverage for ~~general medically necessary~~ anesthesia services
8 ~~administered by an anesthesiologist, nurse anesthetist, or other~~
9 ~~provider trained in the administration of general anesthesia. The~~
10 ~~person administering the anesthesia services shall not be~~
11 ~~involved in the conduct of the surgical or diagnostic procedure.~~

12 The coverage described by this section is subject to utilization
13 review. *for the covered colonoscopy.*

14 SEC. 2. Section 10123.831 is added to the Insurance Code, to
15 read:

16 10123.831. (a) Every ~~individual or group~~ health insurance
17 policy that covers hospital, medical, or surgical expenses that is
18 issued, amended, renewed, or delivered on or after January 1,
19 2007, that provides coverage for colonoscopies shall provide
20 coverage for ~~general medically necessary~~ anesthesia services
21 ~~administered by an anesthesiologist, nurse anesthetist, or other~~
22 ~~provider trained in the administration of general anesthesia. The~~
23 ~~person administering the anesthesia services shall not be~~
24 ~~involved in the conduct of the surgical or diagnostic procedure.~~

1 ~~(b) The coverage described by this section is subject to~~
2 ~~utilization review.~~ *for the covered colonoscopy.*

3 ~~(e)~~

4 (b) This section shall not apply to accident-only, specified
5 disease, hospital indemnity, Medicare, CHAMPUS supplement,
6 dental-only, or vision-only insurance policies.

7 SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
8 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
9 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
10 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
11 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the
12 penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section
13 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a
14 crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the
15 California Constitution.